

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

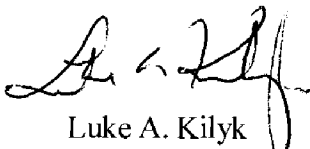
At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner is requesting that the applicant elect from one of two groups as follows:

- I. Claims 1-9 and 11-18, drawn to a medium for the preparation of feeder cells for ES cells and a method for using the same.
- II. Claims 10 and 19-21, drawn to feeder cells.

To be responsive, the applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-9 and 11-18, drawn to a medium for the preparation of feeder cells for ES cells and a method for using the same. Further, regarding the election of species requirement, the applicants elect **collagen** as the cell adhesion factor; **epithelial cell growth factor** as the cell growth factor; and **fetal lung fibroblasts** as the cell population. Of the elected invention, claims 1-9 and 11-18 read on the elected species. The Examiner will proceed with examining other species as part of the examination of the generic claim.

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